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# News Release

## **WOODY CREEK RESIDENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

DENVER — A 68-year-old Woody Creek, Colo., resident was sentenced here today to three-and-a-half years in federal prison for possessing child pornography. Today's sentence was announced by Bill Leone, U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Jeffrey Copp, special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Denver Office.

Willard William McDonough was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Phillip S. Figa to serve 42 months in federal prison. He was also ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine. McDonough had previously agreed to forfeit his computer and hard drive.

The defendant is free on bond, and was ordered to report to a facility designated by the Bureau of Prisons on or before March 27. McDonough was charged by Criminal Information on Oct. 12, 2005. He pleaded guilty to the Information as charged on Nov. 30.

According to the stipulated facts outlined in the plea agreement, on Dec. 24, 2004, an Illinois police officer was online in an undercover capacity, posing as a 13-year-old girl named "Jenny." The defendant contacted Jenny, and over the ensuing weeks and months, engaged in chats that were of a sexually explicit nature, with the defendant stating he was interested in traveling to Illinois to have sex with Jenny. The defendant discussed his desire to take graphic pictures when they met to have sex.

On Jan. 1, 2005, the defendant sent "Jenny" images of child pornography. The image was of an identified child victim from a series of child pornographic images kept on file at the National Child Victim Identification Program (NCVIP) located at the ICE Cyber Crimes Center in Fairfax, Va.

On Feb. 1, 2005, the defendant again sent images to "Jenny." Each time the defendant sent images to Jenny, he cautioned her not to save the images, and to make sure she deleted all evidence of the chats between the two of them.

The defendant continued chatting with Jenny and then met Jenny's friends online, "Missy," and "Brit," who were also undercover police officers posing as 13-year-old girls. The conversations were also sexually explicit. On March 3, 2005, the defendant was chatting with "Missy" and sent her images via the Internet, some of which were child pornographic in nature.

The defendant later planned to send web cameras to the "girls" so they could engage in sexually explicit conduct while he watched from his computer in Colorado. The defendant sent two web cameras via the United States mail on or about March 14, 2005; one was addressed to Jenny and the other to Missy, which were received by law enforcement in Illinois.

On March 29, 2005, ICE special agents and other law enforcement personnel executed a federal search warrant at McDonough's residence. Forensic analysis of the computer seized revealed images of child pornography.

"Sharing child pornography over the Internet can be easy," said Jeffrey Copp, special agent-in-charge of the ICE office in Denver. "But under ICE's Operation Predator program, criminal child pornographers never know if the person they're talking with is a law enforcement officer. Today's sentence may help deter potential child pornographers from this destructive and illegal behavior."

Today's sentencing was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,900 individuals, including 164 in Colorado.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Assistant U.S. Attorney Valeria Spencer, District of Colorado, prosecuted this case.

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